

## Apologetics -3.1 -Prophecy pt 1 Transcription

There are three ways that we have to constantly look at our lives- alright the very first thing that we have to do is we have to look forward, God has a future for us. We have to look at the present, we have to look within ourselves, as to what God is doing with us, as we look forward and we have to look backward as well to find evidence of where we came from and who we are. Are y'all with me? So all of you have children, perhaps or grandchildren or nieces and nephews or whatever and you see the future in them, but you also have to take a look at what God wants you to do. But to know who you are you look at your ancestors, while the Bible is our ancestor. That's kind of our ancestor base so we have to make sure that we comprehend our ancestry. First thing of course last week we studied the Cardinal doctrines as you see, and we studied the framing of the Scriptures. I simplified this down to three points in history and hopefully you'll be able to memorize them tonight. But Daniel can y'all say Daniel? We don't want to forget who this guy is, Daniel had a method of communication remember, with wisdom? So here we are with Daniel again. Alright now Daniel prophesied in 536 B.C. something which was an extraordinary promise. This comes from Daniel chapter nine 536 B.C. is when this prophecy occurred. Do y'all see this right here? Is it visible to y'all? Okay, this is when Daniel's prophecy occurs. Last week I said what the difference between true prophecy and self fulfilling prophecy is if I prophesied my keys will be on the floor within the next five minutes. If I make that prophecy then I go like this and I throw my keys on the floor, it is a true prophecy isn't it? It was a correct prophecy, are y'all with me? But it is not a supernatural prophecy, that's more like a prediction that happened to come true. Supernatural prophecy is prophecy when you cannot self fulfill it. Do y'all follow it?

You cannot self fulfill it. My glasses are going to be on the piano, my glasses are on the piano. I was correct but not supernatural, because I had control over it. So we're going to look at a prophecy that Daniel could not have controlled. Now we will find that the reason he could not was because he died and was dead for centuries before the clock on the prophecy began. But you're going to think to yourself well if he was dead for centuries, then the prophecy began, well people later on started the prophecy. That is also impossible because it was centuries; now understand, centuries before the fulfillment of the prophecy, which was the coming of Christ that this clock began. So we got over a century, we got about a century from the time of Daniel until the time of this edict or this prophecy and then we've got four centuries, four and a half centuries from the time of the prophecy to the time of the Christ, in other words it was so spread out that nobody could self full-fill it. Nobody could know when Christ was going to come outside of what the prophecy has given that it's out of control for any human being. And we are going to show you that tonight. Here we go 536 B.C. Daniel makes a prophecy the clock begins about a century later, alright? Now what I am going to show you now so we can study this together was in 536 B.C. that Daniel made this prophecy, so you all have the date now. Very, very important date too because it shows within our history, how far away Daniel was from the time that this occurrence or what I call "the clock" began. This is the actual day of the Messiah's occurrence told over five centuries before Jesus appeared in 536 B.C. Can y'all say that date? It's easier to remember 5 is followed by 6 and it's got 3 in the middle and there are three numbers. 536 B.C. which means before the time of Christ 536 years this prophecy took place. Now you're step one in understanding things, it was originally given by Daniel in the sixth century B.C. it for-told the physical

appearance, very important, the physical appearance of the future Messiah. It's both got a beginning point as we saw before, it's got a beginning point and it's got an ending point which we can look back in history and enjoy. We can now look at history, now if we had been born here we wouldn't have had the fun of actually seeing this full-filled. But we actually see the beginning the point where this clock is prophesied to begin as well as the ending. Step two so that Daniel would not be able to control the events, therefore void the point that it is true prophecy, like a bank vault with one key to unlock it. This prophecy spanned several centuries, now what that means is that the way that you make sure that you don't have somebody rob the bank, you first of all don't tell anybody who the other person is who has these keys to the vault and they all have separate codes, the codes are constantly changing so it gives you somewhat some protection. So Daniel's inability to full-fill the prophecy is one of the first things you share with a person. Say this guy made a prophecy but he didn't self fulfill it. And as I said he died long before the future clock would start, therefore he was able to control the events. Now I want you to go to Daniel chapter 9 verse 20. I did something unique I never really taught the earlier passages in Daniel 9 verse 20, but as I prayed about this, it's funny I went back to verse 20, let me give you a hint by the way for all of you who want to be good students of the word, when someone gives you a Bible verse or passage to read. Always read the preceding passages, always read it- let me read 5-10 verses back- when I talked to my wife for example, and I don't know if any of you men have this challenge but women change nouns and verbs very quickly when they go from one subject to the other, they don't inform anyone but they know what they mean. But if you're a male possibly in this conversation you have no idea what subject they have changed to, and you're saying "You mean he died?" "No,

no he didn't die. Bob died" "Bob who?" "Bob Willis, we talked about him yesterday." "Who talked about him?" "The Girls and I." "So what are you saying?" "He died?" "Yeah." "But what about the guy you were just talking about?" "Oh no we're through talking about him." And I'm like how did you do that? But they all know okay? So if you want to know within the context of a passage go back a few verses. Always remember the Bible was not written with chapter or verses. It as written as letters, the chapters were just dividing points that made it easier for us to read them. But it was not written with chapters, it was written as one long continuing scroll. So I went back in this passage I saw Daniel 9:20 while he was speaking and praying okay? Daniel was speaking to the Lord, he was praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel. And making request to the Lord, my God for His holy hills the nation of Israel. The angel Gabriel appeared. Now you know if you want to be able to hear God and you see this man who has a supernatural prophetic ability, and we say we want a higher level of understanding. Very few people spend dedicated time daily in prayer. Anybody of course here or in Russia- just ask yourself do I spend more time watching sports or do I spend more time reading the word of God? Do I spend more time just chatting with friends about irrelevant issues or do I spend more time praying? So once you math it out you can find out why Daniel was a man, who got prophecy because God heard him constantly speaking with God. He not only just kind of did a prayer, he spoke out loud his prayers, he prayed, he confessed his sin first then the sin of his people Israel, He was basically saying "God I know we don't deserve this, well I don't deserve this." His humility is obvious there. Then he makes a request by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving I Timothy make every prayer and request made known unto God. In other words- did you

know you shouldn't be asking God for anything in a prayer until you have already prayed and thanked God for what you've got before you ask Him for more. Did y'all follow that? Now this study is going to show you the power of Daniel came because he knew something which was written 550 years later, probably 575 years later, by Paul to Timothy "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests be made known unto God." The Bible always shows you must, you must have a process to what you do. Apologetics is about a process. Proper prayer, you know, there will be times when you say "Oh, Lord please help me today." That's okay but before you start asking for things, let me encourage you to thank Him for what you've got. You know why? An attitude of gratitude opens the heart of God. Now we aren't going to be teaching on that tonight but proper prayer which we are going to talk about within the next couple of weeks, if you really want this to be relevant to you and not just something I happen to be teaching you tonight, then for those of you who are listening and you want this to be more than just information, if you want this to be supernaturally in your spirit so that you can speak it out to others, you must get into the habit of prayer; you must get into the habit of prayer for it to become a supernatural not just an intellectual pursuit and most of you know, my father was a theologian, was raised in an intellectual household, a classical household. But knowledge is not enough, and I don't know how this translates into Russian but I was raised knowing about God but knowing God is different than knowing about God. And so we are looking at a relationship. So in Daniel 20 we see the heart of this brilliant prophet, now he says in verse 24, and by the way go into your Bibles and go ahead and mark with your pen chapter 9 circle verse 20 and then go down and circle verse 24, okay? Don't be afraid to write in your Bibles and those of you who have Bibles

in Russia this is God's word, but the words are God's word and they are printed on paper and its okay to print on the paper just like the printer printed on paper with his own foot notes possibly. Make sure that you circle 24 and underline the word seventy- sevens and underline the word decreed. And I'll tell you why, have y'all ever heard of a decree? Have y'all ever watched those movies where the Roman soldier hammers up a decree? A decree is a commandment, it is a directive, it is a statement the law. When a decree was made by Caesar Augustus it was law. So this decree is a fact, it is an unchangeable fact. Isn't it interesting, now I got to tell you the truth there are a lot of prophets I have seen during my life time who say "Thus says the Lord" and it doesn't come true. So beware, make sure the prophecy or the test of the true prophecy is that the prophecies come true, that is why he is called a prophet, ok? So we have a decree and he states there is going to be no variation on this, these are the facts. And he gives us a number seventy sevens, so what is seventy times seven? Give me the answer. Four hundred and ninety, so we are looking at four hundred and ninety something here. Okay? We know that it is four hundred and ninety something. Now there was a purpose, I want y'all to look at the purpose of why we're doing this study about this one who is coming. If everybody in the New Testament era, the Pharisees included, and the warning I give about knowing a spiritual relationship and applying the spiritual not just the physically for those of you who are watching. Is because the Pharisees were so intellectual but their spirits were dead, they didn't spot five points that would have told them Jesus was the one. Number one He came to end sin's oppression, so the Pharisees that were looking for a liberator from Rome, missed the point. Number two atonement for sin, now for those of you who are watching- atonement in the Bible means to cover; atonement is a wonderful word that

means to cover. Just like if I were to take this Bible cover and cover my head that's a covering okay? To atone is to cover. The blood of Jesus covered or atoned my sin. So now when God looks down on you and me you know what He actually sees? In between Him and us He sees this red covering of the blood of Jesus now that is very important that you understand that. Because that sin is now covered, He won't penalize us for it. Let's say that you are driving down the street and a policeman stops you. And he gave you a 5,000.00 dollar ticket for speeding. You go home; you're not very happy right? That's a pretty expensive ticket and you're not very happy. But I'm doing this for a point. But you don't have 5,000.00 dollars let's say you can go to jail because you don't pay this ticket. So you got a problem, then a friend comes in and says I'll cover the ticket. What that means is he'll pay for the ticket. So remember atonement means to cover ultimately it means to pay for. Now we are going to study other words when we are in this class such as imputation, sanctification, justification, propitiation, key words which will help you understand why you are studying apologetics, because the truth of the Gospel, the power of the prophecy gets richer when you understand these words. Now the next thing that he was prophesying He would bring was eternal righteousness, eternal life. Now do you see how the Pharisees were missing it? All the Jews were looking for a revolutionary who would overthrow a political power. The Christian faith is not about overthrowing political power, the Christian faith is about overthrowing spiritual powers, principalities, powers wickedness in high places, dark, I mean this is what the Christian faith is about. The book of Ephesians talks about this. So you and I now see that if the Pharisees had been paying attention they would have realized that the Messiah wasn't here for politics, He was here for this. Next it would seal the vision of the prophecy. And this would be the anointing of

the Most Holy. Now kings, rulers were anointing, alright so it prophesied His coming kingship and leadership. Now I want to show you a very interesting thing. You know people I am not sure we need to study that much of the Bible or doctrines are not necessary but I want you to say these four words out loud with me know and understand this. Daniel is in the middle of a prophecy and he stops and says to us know and understand this, are y'all following? In other words Daniel is not just interested in us reading and saying "Wow" and if we're you know a first century Christian "Oh that's interesting" he says you need to know this and understand this. This is going to be critical; this is going to be a big red sign flashing by Daniel saying this is going to be important in the future. Are y'all with me? Daniel is screaming out that is not just Scripture but that this is even beyond what we often see in Scripture. This is going to be the evidence that identifies the Savior, the king, the anointed one, the Christos, the Christ that he is looking forward to, okay? So now and that is why we are here tonight, now I am going to explain what these verses are about. As you see it says, in fact I may have it written out here, a prophetic week, we are going to talk about first of all a prophetic week. When you read about weeks being prophesied in the Bible, prophetic weeks it is very simple and the way that I have this written out will hopefully help you understand it the best, a prophetic week is seven Hebrew years. Don't even worry about the period of 60 days, it is seven Hebrew years. Okay? A week is seven years, which means that a day is how many years? A day is one year. Okay one more time I am going to repeat that and I will tell you why, if a week is seven prophetic years then a day is one year. Now the reason that is important is because it will help you not to feel overwhelmed with the simple math we have here. You will always remember that when you hear about a day

and a week, we are talking about a year in prophetic years, okay? **SH-V-A** it means literally seven. So when Jews talk about a week they talk about a seven, they call it a seven. Okay? “Ah, it was a miserable seven. It was a miserable **SH-V-A.**” That is what the word week is. Now look at the next thing, since a prophetic week is seven years and a prophetic day is one year, so seven sevens would be forty nine days or years because you got seven weeks times seven which is forty nine and sixty two sevens which is the second part would be sixty two times seven because those are weeks so we are going to make it into day years. Now you see this word I came up with? Day years, can y’all say day years? See we have invented a brand new word. That is so y’all can remember a day and a year- it’s a day year. So when he talks about a day it’s a year, so we have got forty nine day years. So when they use the word day it means years. And then we have got four hundred and thirty four day years, they call it days, but they are years. And that gives you a total of seven plus sixty two is what? Sixty nine times the seven equals, four hundred and eighty three day years. Okay will you read this with me? Sixty nine times seven equals four hundred and eighty three day years. Now remember at the beginning we talked about seventy times seven? That was four ninety. Hmmm, we are missing seven. Have you ever heard of the great tribulation and all that stuff? It is seven years. That is the years that are missing here. So what we are only dealing with right now are the four hundred and eighty three years which are from the time of the prophecy starting to the appearance of Jesus. We are only concerned about the proof that Jesus appeared on the exact day that He was prophesied to appear. Do y’all follow that? One more time, the only thing that we are interested in tonight is the exact number of days from the time that the clock, we’ll call this the clock, from the time that the clock is going to begin and it is

prophesied, the clock gets turned on by a decree, it's a decree to rebuild Jerusalem occurs, and the day that Jesus appears that prophecy tells how many days are going to go from there to here. And so that is what we are dealing with right now, so we got those four hundred and eighty three day years, now how many days is a day year? In our human days? Not in prophetic days but in our human days? All you have to do is take the four hundred and eighty three and you multiply it times three hundred and sixty, okay? And that comes up with one hundred seventy three thousand eight hundred and eighty days. Now we are going to run over this a couple of times, I am going to give you this printed but I wanted you to memorize this, you know why? I get you fifty bucks you guys have all kinds of football and baseball scores memorized and who the best athlete in the NBA is and I mean all kinds of stuff, we memorize all kinds of stuff- the rules to take classes, you know all kinds of classes, we memorize tons of stuff. Did you know that this is so simple that after you run over it two or three times over in your mind you are going to realize, wait a minute 69 years in prophetic years equals a 173,880 days. Because you know a prophetic week is or 69 weeks, a prophetic week is 7 years, 7 years times 360 is, now you're going to say to me "Peter, there are 365 days in a year." Let me tell you something there are 365 days in what Americans use as years but historically we are dealing with a lunar year, historically and we know according to Revelation that these years are only 360 days long, now I can do a whole study just to prove that but it is 360 days long, and it says here once the edict is made in Daniel's future, and he's the one who prophesied that there will one day be and edict that means a big declaration by some king way down in the future. When that happens, in the future, the clock will start counting down the exact number of days from this edict to the appearance of the king that

is actually foretold in this passage. Now remember, one man Daniel prophesied this, he was going to be long dead and gone before this clock began, which means he could not control it, and of course this tells what that edict is. Alright I am going to go over this one more time real quickly. The prophecy and how the math works, so 69 weeks that will pass when the moment that the creator rebuilds Jerusalem goes out until the appearance of the Messiah. 69 Prophetic weeks, do y'all follow me? 69 weeks will pass from the moment of the decree to go out so here is Daniel, he's sitting back writing this, the Holy Spirit has given it to him, Gabriel has come and visited him, he is writing all this stuff down and saying one day a king will come and this king, this ruler will have a decree to rebuild Jerusalem and the moment that he signs that letter, which is actually on stone, on the tablet, the moment he scribbles his name on that stone a clock will begin ticking. And one day after another will pass, hundreds of days will pass, thousands of days will pass and when those 69 weeks of days run out the Messiah as king anointed will appear. Did y'all follow that? Now it's impossible to be self full-filling, let's say that that king goes and one day he is reading Daniel and he says "Hey there is a prophecy that a king declares that Jerusalem will be rebuilt, then the Messiah will come right after that." Let's say he does the decree just to try to start the prophecy, he's dead for 400 years before he could full-fill it or anyone else can, and how is he going to full-fill the prophecy anyway? It's in Jerusalem! The King is dead and his kingdom is long gone. There is no way to try to save Artexerxes reputation four and a half centuries later. The man is dead and gone, nobody is going to start that just for the sake of the political, national, international war to think, maybe I will be the guy who starts it, there is no logic to that at all. You got the 69 weeks will pass from the moment that the decree to rebuild Jerusalem goes out and of

course that is our 173,880. Can y'all remember 173,880? One plus seven is what? This is how I do, I know it seems to make no sense but one plus seven is eight so as long as I can remember the 17 and there always seems to be a three in the middle of everything I do, so it's 173,880. That might not be help to anyone at home, but however you remember this, just memorize it, write it down in the front of your Bible if you need to. If you need a cheat sheet write it down in the front of your Bible. One of things we will do and I have wanted to do this every year since I have done this study is we are going to try to get little stick them notes that have the basic information on them, so that you can stick them to the back of your Bible, so the prophecy one and you can pick the numbers up 173,880 okay? Now this is how Jesus' prophecy to return this is an interesting point. Now I've got about 60 of these but I don't have time for all them obviously but He is going to return it says "Rejoice, greatly o daughter of Zion." In fact why don't you read it out loud with me? "Rejoice o great daughter of Zion, shout o daughter of Jerusalem, behold a king comes unto you, He is righteous and having salvation, lowly on a donkey and upon a colt the fowl of a donkey." Now I want y'all just to think for a second, do you begin to recognize certain words? He is righteous you remember back then one of the things we were talking about of the prophetic Messiah? "Behold our King" He's anointed we know that He is king; he comes to you having salvation. Everybody stop when we did our frame John 8:58, Exodus 3:14, Isaiah 43: 10,11 it said only Jehovah can give salvation the king is coming to give salvation, there is this amazing huge hint that it is not just physical salvation here, because it is talking about His righteousness and so folks that prophecy we see which when you get over Matthew 1:21 that characteristic we see about this king that is going to come that is righteous, who has salvation, He is savior of His

people, we suddenly realize oh wait a minute, and we start to put the clues together from the writers of the New Testament. Now we are going ahead and we are going to come back and next week and we are going to show the final proof, the evidence that demands the verdict that proves both the Bible is inspired mathematically, as well as Jesus is who He claimed He was which is king, prophet, priest, and God Himself. So we just bless you, we just pray that you come back next week and that you enjoy this class with the rest of the class here. Don't forget if God says it, it's true. Lord bless you, we'll see you next week.